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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Morrison et al.

Application No.: 10/045,657

Filed: November 7, 2001

Title: **TISSUE SEPARATOR ASSEMBLY
AND METHOD**

Examiner: *unknown*

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PETITION FOR THREE MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME

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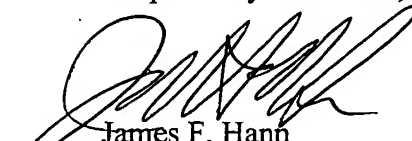
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Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated March 12, 2002 for three months, from May 12, 2002 to August 12, 2002. A check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed to cover fees due.

Should it be determined that additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0869 (Docket No. ARTM 1011-4 US). A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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